

## Andrew Radcliffe QC

"A great tactician." "He is the smoothest advocate and is always on top of his brief."  
Chambers UK 2022



Year of Call: 1975    QC: 2000

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Andrew Radcliffe QC is predominantly a white collar crime fraud specialist, who continues to be listed as a leading silk both in Chambers & Partners UK and Legal 500.

Since taking silk in 2000, his cases have included most aspects of fraud and allied offences including allegations of price fixing, money laundering, MTIC fraud, duty evasion, insider dealing, tax evasion and advance fee fraud as well as confiscation.

He also regularly defends and prosecutes in murder and other cases of serious crime and his practice includes regulatory matters.

In May – July 2019 he acted for an Interested Person in the London Bridge Inquests.

He frequently works in the Cayman Islands, both in an advisory capacity and in court there and where his work, detailed below, has covered a wide range of serious crime.

Previously, he has been called to the Turks & Caicos Bar, representing a lawyer facing tax fraud allegations.

He was a contributor to the CBA's responses to the Law Commission in respect proposed changes to the laws on fraud and dishonesty and, later, their review of the laws of conspiracy and attempt. He was the author of two chapters (on insider dealing and regulatory offences, respectively) in '*Fraud: Law, Practice and Procedure*', published by LexisNexis in 2012.

### International

Since 2005 he has worked regularly in the Cayman Islands, making frequent visits to that jurisdiction. His work there has included various allegations of corruption, misconduct in public office (sometimes involving senior politicians), fraud, other aspects of financial crime, murder, firearms etc.

He has conducted numerous trials there (both jury and judge alone trials under the local legislation) and has made many appearances in the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal.

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In 2014 and 2015, he successfully represented a solicitor who was tried on charges of stamp duty fraud in Turks & Caicos Islands.

He has lectured extensively in Hong Kong on topics including money laundering, bribery, corruption, misconduct in public office and Hong Kong's recent Competition Ordinance.

## What others say:

"He is extremely clever, works very hard and is charming and disarming in cross-examination." and "He's a very strategic thinker so he gets very good results for clients." – Chambers UK 2021

"He is a highly effective advocate." – Legal 500 UK 2022

"An extraordinarily well prepared silk, knew the case, law, and facts inside out and hit the perfect tone with witnesses, the judge and jury. Great for complex cases at the very highest level as he is a first-class advocate, strategist and star performer." – Legal 500 2021

"Incredibly bright and hard working. He's like a smiling Saturn – even hostile witnesses call him charming. He combines hard work with very expert cross examination in a way that disarms witnesses" – Chambers UK 2020

"A brilliant jury advocate." – Legal 500 2020

"Delightful to work with" – Chambers UK 2017

"A fraud genius" – Legal 500 2016

"Has astonishing attention to detail coupled with superb advocacy skills, whether before a jury or an appellate tribunal, making him one of the premier commercial crime silks at the Bar." – Chambers UK 2016

## Business Crime & Financial Services

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His practice has become predominantly one of defending in cases of serious fraud, brought by the specialist authorities – the SFO, FSA (now FCA), Office of Fair Trading (now the Competition and Markets Authority) and HMRC.

## Cases

### Operation Amazon

The trial of seven Defendants on allegations of conspiracy to cheat the Revenue where the potential loss to HMRC exceeded £107m. Represented a Chartered Accountant who was acquitted after the Prosecution offered no further evidence following a 10 month trial.

### R v P (and another)

£52m pension fraud.

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## **R v B and others**

£200m money laundering allegations against a partner in a firm of solicitors.

## **R v T and others**

Claims management insurance fraud alleged against a solicitor.

## **R v B and others**

Represented a Defendant in a trial arising out of the liquidation of JJB plc, the sportswear retailer.

## **R v B and others**

€50m cross border money laundering involving multiple jurisdictions, including Luxembourg, France, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Dubai.

## **R v S and others**

'Blue Index' – the first cross border (UK – USA) insider dealing prosecution, resulting from a joint investigation by the US Dept of Justice, the SEC and the British authorities. Identified in advance by The Lawyer magazine as one of the most significant cases of the year and the only criminal case on their list.

## **R v G and others**

Acted for one of four senior British Airways executives accused of a price fixing cartel in conjunction with Virgin Atlantic Airways executives in regards to passenger fuel surcharges.

## **Kent Pharmaceuticals**

Represented a human Defendant in allegations against individuals and corporations of price fixing in the NHS – at the time, the largest prosecution ever brought by the SFO.

## **R v P and others**

Mortgage fraud.

## **Major Accountancy Firm**

Represented a major accountancy firm both in judicial review proceedings arising out of a SFO prosecution and, separately, in regards to accountants' duties in connection with a criminal prosecution.

# Criminal Defence

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Recent examples include:

## Cases

### **R v T and others**

Stabbing in the street in the course of a large scale public disorder and representing one of four Defendants

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charged with murder.

### **R v B**

Acted for a 15 year old girl accused of stabbing a former friend.

### **R v L**

Multiple stabbing of an elderly woman.

### **R v M**

Drugs related aggravated burglary where the death of an occupant gave rise to significant issues of causation.

## Public Prosecution

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Andrew Radcliffe has extensive experience prosecuting complex cases both in this country and abroad. These include regularly prosecuting serious crime of all types in the Cayman Islands since 2005, many involving gang related offences.

Recent examples, domestically and abroad, include:

## Cases

### **R v B and others**

Murder and perverting the course of justice arising out of 'County Lines' drug dealing.

### **R v AP and others**

Following a terminating ruling in the Crown Court, instructed to advise upon the merits of an appeal and to lead trial counsel in the Court of Appeal.

In the Cayman Islands, examples of trials and their subsequent appeals:

## Cases

### **R v A**

Murder of a 4 year old child.

### **R v B and another**

Gang related murder of a rival gang member (including responding to an application for permission to appeal made to the Privy Council).

### **R v J (No.1)**

Murder of a youth mistakenly shot during a gang related feud.

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## R v J (No.2)

Gang related murder of rival gang member.

## R v R and others

Responding to conjoined appeals in the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal in relation to minimum terms set for those serving life sentences following the introduction of a Conditional Release Law requiring a period of imprisonment to be specified before eligibility for conditional release on licence arises.

## Accreditations

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## Appointments & Memberships

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- QC 2000
- Recorder 2000-2010
- Assistant Recorder 1998
  
- Member of the South Eastern Circuit
- Criminal Bar Association (formerly a Committee member)
- Fraud Lawyers Association

## Publications

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- The author of two chapters (on insider dealing and regulatory offences, respectively) in 'Fraud: Law, Practice and Procedure' (LexisNexis 2012).
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